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Mr. Stuart A. Rice
Assistant Director in Charge of Statistical Standards
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Executive Office of the President

Dear Mr. Rice:

I refer to your letter of 26 January requesting the comments of this Agency on proposals of the United Nations Population Commission relating to international census plans.

From the national security point of view, CIA is interested in the encouragement and development of international census data of a scope and comparability permitting accurate analysis of manpower capabilities and potentials. The increased scope and comparability of the data sought by the UN Population Commission would greatly facilitate such analysis.

For purposes of comparability of data and from the technical standpoint it is suggested that a definition of census terminology be appended to the proposals for census coverage.

Although there are matters such as the distribution of population and industries according to regions or areas within countries, health of the population, and military training, in which CIA has a definite interest, such matters appear to fall outside the scope of the present project.

Sincerely yours,

s/ RHH and dispatched 2/10/48

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R. H. Hillenkoetter
Director

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